

## **Pinkeye (Conjunctivitis)**

Pinkeye is a common infection of the eye caused by a bacteria or virus. Pinkeye can also be caused by allergies. Your child can have different symptoms depending on the type of pinkeye he or she has.

Common symptoms include:

- Discomfort in the eye or a feeling like sand is in the eye
- Redness of the eye
- Discharge from the eye
- Eyelids may be stuck together when the child awakens from sleep.

Pinkeye caused by a bacteria or virus is contagious but pinkeye caused by an allergy is not contagious. Usually you will only see redness and tearing with allergies.

Children can catch pinkeye by touching something an infected person has touched like a used tissue and then touching their eye.

**In order to prevent the spread of pinkeye to other children we ask you to provide a note from a doctor for your child to be admitted to school. If the doctor has made the diagnosis of pinkeye, your child may return to school 24-48 hours after treatment as directed by your healthcare provider.**